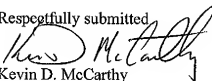


Conclusion

Since the cited documents, in any combination, could not have led a person skilled in art to synthesize the multifunctional compounds as defined in the amended claims, it is respectfully submitted that the claims, in view of the amendments and the above explanations, are now ready for allowance and are earnestly requested to be allowed.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin D. McCarthy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" written in a more compact, rounded style, and the last name "McCarthy" written in a more elongated, flowing style.

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